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TAGS: EFIN, EGEN, CPRS, CZ, US

SUBJECT: CHNOUPEK-VANCE MEETING AT UNGA, OCTOBER 6

REF: STATE 238297

1. I WHOLEHEARTEDLY CONCUR IN PLANNED RESPONSE OUTLINED IN REFTEL AND ESPECIALLY WELCOME THE EMPHASIS IT LAYS ON MAINTAINING THE LOCUS OF CLAIMS/GOLD DISCUSSIONS IN PRAGUE. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO HINT HERE FROM CZECHOSLOVAKS AS TO WHICH SPECIFIC TOPICS CHNOUPEK MAY WISH TO DISCUSS WITH SECRETARY OCT. 6. HOWEVER, I AGREE WITH DEPARTMENT'S VIEW THAT CLAIMS/GOLD AND MY SEPT. 12 TALK WITH FONMIN ARE VERY LIKELY TO BE RAISED BUT THAT CHNOUPEK IS NOT LIKELY TO GIVE SECRETARY A SPECIFIC RESPONSE TO MY APPROACH.

2. THE SPECIFIC POINTS IN PARAS 2 AND 3 OF REFTEL ARE EXCELLENT. IF POSSIBLE, I WOULD APPRECIATE MENTION ALSO BEING MADE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO POINTS I SOUGHT TO UNDERSCORE TO CHNOUPEK ON SEPT. 12:

(A) THERE MUST BE A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE, BEFORE WE CAN EXPECT REALISTICALLY TO REACH A SETTLEMENT ACCEPTABLE TO OUR CONGRESS. THIS MEANS THAT THE AMOUNT OF CLAIMS COMPENSATION MUST

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BE SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER THAN THE TOTAL SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT INITIALED IN 1974 (I.E. \$20.5 MILLION).

(O) ALTHOUGH U.S. LEGISLATION (SECTION 408, TRADE ACT OF 1974) SAYS THAT THE 1974 AGREEMENT MUST BE "RENEGOTIATED", WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF ENTERING A LENGTHY NEGOTIATING PROCESS TO RE-WRITE THE SETTLEMENT.

OUR OBJECTIVE IS SIMPLY TO ACHIEVE A SUBSTANTIAL UPWARD  
READJUSTMENT IN THE SUM OF THE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT.

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A REPORT OF THE OCT. 6  
MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
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